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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith references of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which they may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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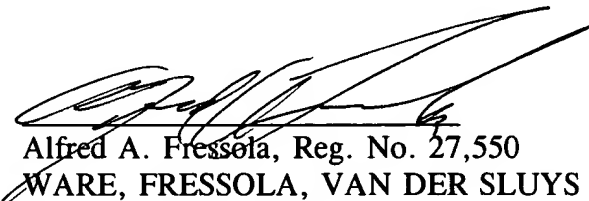
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Four of the references are listed in the enclosed Finnish Search Report dated March 7, 2001. A concise explanation of the relevance of each reference is specifically pointed out in the search report. Please note that two of these references; namely, WO 96/13930 and U.S. 4,323,918 are also cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification. Three additional references; namely, JP-4-290090, JP-63-90985 and U.S. 5,596,228 are only cited in the specification at pages 1, 2 and 3 of the specification and the relevance of these references is set forth in the specification, as noted. A PTO 1449 listing the cited references is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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